

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 10 to 15, all other claims having been cancelled. The non-selected claims are cancelled but Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application thereto.

The specification has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error by inserting "and alkyl".

Claims 10, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by the Cross et al patent which according to the Examiner teaches water repellant textile finish comprising fatty acids mixed with methanol as solvent.

Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection since the Cross et al reference does not anticipate or render obvious Applicants' invention which is drawn to an impregnating agent for textiles comprising a thermosetting bonding agent and 1 to 15% by weight of fatty acid amides of the formula bridging pages 4 and 5. In contrast thereto, Cross et al describe impregnating textiles with a higher fatty acid N-methylol amide homogeneously mixed with a quaternary nitrogen base salt and the textile is then

dried and heated to 120 to 150°. Applicants do not use N-methylol amides and Cross does not teach thermosetting resins. Therefore, Cross et al have nothing to do with Applicants' invention and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.


Claims 10 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by British patent No. 1,082,236 which according to the Examiner, teaches impregnating textiles with an aqueous emulsion containing a thermosetting novolac resin. Claims 10 to 13 were rejected as being anticipated by British patent No. 1,392,087 which according to the Examiner teaches impregnating textiles with compositions containing thermosetting resins.

Applicants traverse these grounds of rejection as neither reference shows a combination of thermosetting resin with 1 to 15% by weight of a fatty acid amide and therefore has nothing to do with Applicants' composition. Withdrawal of these rejections is requested.

Claims 10 to 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by the Wernik et patent which the Examiner states shows resol binding agents. However, the reference does not teach Applicants' compositions containing a thermosetting resin with 1 to 15% by weight of a higher fatty acid amide and does not anticipate or render obvious Applicants' compositions. Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly point out Applicants' patentable contribution and favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

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